

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS

Claims 1-17 (Canceled).

18. (New) A supporting frame for a monitoring scale, comprising:
 - a longitudinal supporting frame part (1);
 - at least one transverse supporting frame part (2, 2') fixed to the longitudinal supporting frame part (1) and having a flat plate whose principal plane extends in a direction transverse to a longitudinal direction, the at least one transverse supporting frame part (2, 2') configured to support the supporting frame on the floor;
 - a weighing cell (14) supported on the supporting frame; and
 - a weighing belt (15) supported on the weighing cell (14) and configured to circulate in a longitudinal direction.
19. (New) Supporting frame according to claim 1, wherein at least one transverse supporting frame part (2, 2') is disposed at each of the two longitudinal ends of the longitudinal supporting frame part (1).
20. (New) Supporting frame according to claim 1, wherein at least one additional supporting frame part (3, 3', 3'') extending parallel to the longitudinal part (1) is fixed to each flat plate of the at least one transverse supporting frame part (2, 2').

21. (New) Supporting frame according to claim 20, wherein the longitudinal part (1) is disposed on an inner area of each flat plate of the at least one transverse supporting frame part (2, 2') and each additional supporting frame part (3, 3', 3'') extending parallel thereto is disposed on an edge area of each flat plate of the at least one transverse supporting frame part (2, 2'), where said edge area encircles the inner area.

22. (New) Supporting frame according to claim 20, wherein each of the additional supporting frame parts (3, 3', 3'') has a cross section smaller than that of the longitudinal part (1).

23. (New) Supporting frame according to claim 20, wherein the cross section of the longitudinal section (1) and/or each additional supporting frame part (3, 3', 3'') extending parallel thereto is formed so as to be convex in its area facing away from the base.

24. (New) Supporting frame according to claim 20, further comprising a support (13.1 to 13.4) for force-locking fixation to the at least one additional supporting frame part (3, 3'), the support (13.1 to 13.4) includes:

two elements (60, 60'), separated at a distance from one another in the longitudinal direction, extending in the direction transverse to the longitudinal direction, each element (60 and/or 60') includes two parts (70, 71), opposite one another in the transverse direction, supported on areas of the at least one additional supporting frame part (3, 3'),

at least two counterbearing elements (72) extending between the two elements (60, 60'), one of which is supported on the parts (70) supported on one area and the other is supported on the parts (71) supported on the opposite area, and

at least one tightening element (76) extending in the transverse direction and pressing the counterbearing elements together.

25. (New) Supporting frame according to claim 24, wherein each of the two elements (60, 60') extend in the direction transverse to the longitudinal direction and are configured in the form of a flat plate whose principal plane extends in the direction transverse to the longitudinal direction.
26. (New) Supporting frame according to claim 24, wherein each of the two elements (60, 60') extending in the direction transverse to the longitudinal direction have a form complementary to the cross section of the at least one additional supporting frame part (3, 3') in areas supported on the at least one additional supporting frame part (3, 3').
27. (New) Supporting frame according to claim 24, wherein each of the counterbearing elements (72) have the form of a bolt extending in a longitudinal direction, each bolt having two longitudinal ends connected to one of the parts (70, 71).
28. (New) Supporting frame according to claim 24, wherein the tightening element (76) is configured to form a screw bolt whose head (77) is fixed to one counterbearing element (72) and whose shaft is fixed to the other counterbearing element (72).
29. (New) Supporting frame according to one of claims 18, wherein feet (5, 5'; 50, 50') serving to support the supporting frame on the floor are fastened to the flat plate of the at least one transverse supporting frame part (2, 2').

30. (New) Supporting frame according to claim 29, wherein the feet (50, 50') are at a distance from the flat plate of the at least one transverse supporting frame part (2, 2') in the longitudinal direction.

31. (New) Supporting frame according to claim 18, wherein the longitudinal part (1) is a tube which is rigid with respect to bending.

32. (New) Supporting frame according to claim 18, wherein each flat plate of the at least one transverse supporting frame part (2, 2') has an essentially rectangular basic form.

33. (New) Supporting frame according to one of claims 18, wherein the longitudinal part (1) is a hollow tube provided with a filling opening (53) for a ballast material.

34. (New) Supporting frame according to claim 33, wherein the filling opening (53) is formed by an open front side on a longitudinal end of the hollow tube (1).

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT

Please replace the Abstract with the following:

A supporting frame for a monitoring scale is constructed, in its basic form, from a longitudinal supporting frame part (1) and at least one transverse supporting part (2, 2'). Each transverse supporting part (2, 2') may include a flat, plate-shaped transverse part, via which the stand is supported on the ground. Additional supporting frame parts (3, 3', 3''), transverse supports (13.1 to 13.4), and other associated parts may also be provided for additional reinforcement.